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ORR School District

Tri-Town Principals Plan Retirement

According to ORR School Superintendent William R. Cooper, Ed.D., **Marylou Hobson**, Principal of the Sippican School in Marion for the past 13 years, has decided to make the present 2003-04 school term her last in the district. Ms. Hobson has been a wonderful leader of the Sippican School community, and her good work and dedication to the Marion youngsters will surely be missed. In addition, ORR Junior High School Principal **Stephen Helman** has decided to make the 2003-04 year his final one as a school principal. Mr. Helman came to ORR after retiring from the New York State Public School System. The ORR School District is indeed most fortunate that Stephen "un-retired" for a few years in southeast Massachusetts. He has provided stable leadership for the junior high school program during a most challenging time for the ORR District, and they're in debt to him for his great contribution.

Dr. Cooper noted that searches have been launched to secure the services of top flight school administrators to fill the two major administrative vacancies for 2004-2005. The timetables for each search will be roughly comparable and will, of course, be influenced by the field of candidates developed for each assignment:

• November/December – Orientation of the Search Committees; Advertising for Candidates;

• January – Review of Applications; Selection of Candidates for Interviews;

• January/February – Interviews with Selected Candidates;

• February/March – Interviews with Finalists and Site Visits;

• March – Appointment of the New Principal.

Anyone who would like to offer thoughts regarding the qualities in a new principal that should be emphasized by the search committee is welcome to write a note to the committee or to speak with a committee member. The search committees set to begin the task of finding new principals for Sippican and ORR Junior High School respectively include:

• **Sippican School Principal Search Committee** – Staff: Janice Proc, Bill Roseman, Sandi Rosen, Anne Fernandes, Phyllis Corrado; Community: Lori Schaefer;



Above: *Regina Kaplan of Marion will be featured in the "Chinese Tea" segment of the New Bedford Youth Ballet's production of* The Nutcracker, *to be staged on Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 and 8:00 pm; Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 and 3:00 pm; Friday, December 19 at 7:00 and 8:00 pm; and Sunday, December 21 at 2:00 and 3:00 pm. The performance will take place at the Alves Theater, 430 County Street in New Bedford. For more information or to reserve tickets, please call the New Bedford Ballet at 508-993-1387.*

On the cover: *A table full of holiday wreaths which were pre-purchased as a school fund-raiser await pickup outside Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoisett this past week. Residents throughout the tri-town area have been busy gearing up for the forthcoming holiday by purchasing wreaths, Christmas trees, and decorating their homes for the festive season. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*



Above: *One of the beautifully-decorated homes to be featured on the 2003 Annual Holiday House Tour sponsored by the Fairhaven Colonial Club which will take place on Sunday, December 7 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The tour, themed "The Old, the New and the Very New," will include six private homes and costs $12 per person. Tickets are now on sale at Euro/Phoenix and the Millicent Library in Fairhaven.*

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• **ORR Junior High School Principal Search Committee** – Staff: Rick Regan, Kathryn Gauvin, Steve Kocur, Erin Sullivan, Therese Valente; Community: Jim Brown; School Committee: Deborah DeWalt, Margo Mello, Sheri Gay; School Council: Roger Botelho; Parents: Maureen Best, Lynn Amicucci, Kathleen Anderson; Administration: Carol Young, Bill Cooper, Susan Hayward; Support Staff: Nancy Moura; Students: Chelsie Nectow, Christopher Henry.

The significance attached to the appointment of a new principal is well understood by all search committee members and by the full school community as well. Both search committees and the ORR School District are determined to work hard to make sure that the excellent tri-town schools have excellent leaders in place for the 2004-2005 term.

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Among local dancers in the production: Emily Wingate of Mattapoisett; Regina Kaplan of Marion; Kristen Emmett of New Bedford; and Nicole Gautreau of New Bedford.

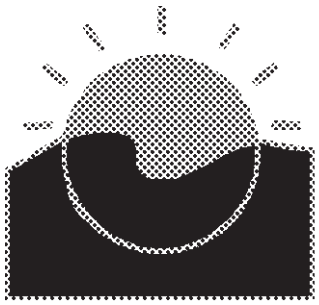
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All proceeds from the ballets will go to the New Bedford Ballet Foundation, a non-profit organization. Throughout the years the foundation has granted numerous scholarships and given thousands of area school children and seniors the opportunity to witness the splendor and beauty of ballet.

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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

December 1, 2003

By Eletha M. Yeaton

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chairman Barry Denham. Also present were Selectman Stephen J. Lombard, Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho, and Administrative Assistant Melody Pacheco. Due to a power outage, the opening of the meeting was delayed, and Selectman Raymond H. Andrews arrived in time to transact necessary items on the agenda.

At 7:10 pm, the board met with Attorney Beth Kunz concerning the Bay Club. The club has met the requirements of the Conservation Commission (ConCom)



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regulations, and the forms are in the hands of the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission (ConCom) has signed the necessary forms, and Attorney Kunz requested that the board also sign an escrow so that work could proceed as soon as the state returns the required forms. The board voted to sign with the proviso request by Selectman Lombard that the ConCom send a letter to the Selectmen indicating their approval.

The board then discussed a memo to the Board of Assessors from Town Administrator Michael Botelho regarding the amount of the allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay) reported on the FY 2004 Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Tax Rate Recapitulation. Originally an amount of $170,000 was recommended for this purpose. The assessors requested this estimate be increased to $225,000. Due to budget restraints, Mr. Botelho as the town's chief fiscal officer, agreed to support the release of prior year's overlay to be appropriated if necessary for current year abatements in excess of the current FY04 overlay. This will be done through a Special Town Meeting vote.

The board noted:

• The Fire Station Building Committee will meet at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, December 2.

• The Regional Water District Committee Meeting will be held at 4:30 pm on Thursday, December 4 in Fairhaven.

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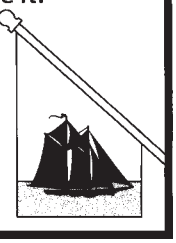
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• The next regular Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Monday, December 15 at 7:00 pm.

• There is a vacancy to be filled on the Mattapoisett Recreation Committee. Interested residents should submit letters to the Board of Selectmen, c/o Mattapoisett Town Hall.

• The town's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will take place at Shipyard Park from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 13.

• The winter hours at the Mattapoisett Transfer Station are Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; and Saturday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Any questions should be addressed to the Mattapoisett Board of Health at 508-758-4112.

• Notice from the Natural Resource Department that barn inspections will begin on Monday, December 1.

The board then voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 24 regular meeting. They next voted to extend the New Year's Eve closing hour for liquor establishments from 1:00 am to 2:00 am on December 31. Selectman Lombard suggested that in the future, instead of a blanket permission, establishments should request the extension individually.

The board finally voted to accept, with regret, the resignation of Police Matron Kathleen Massey. They unanimously extended their thanks for her service to the town over the years.

In his report, Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho discussed correspondence with Leonard Gonsalves, Executive Director of the Buzzards Bay Action Committee (BBAC), concerning his invoice for the FY 2004 assessment to the Town of Mattapoisett. This will be presented as an appropriation article at the next Special Town Meeting.

He then announced the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) in January.

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The deadline for reservations is December 15, and the Selectmen decided that Mr. Botelho should attend on their behalf. Selectman Lombard may also attend if his schedule permits.

Mr. Botelho mentioned the meeting of the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA) Advisory Board, which took place on November 20 in Fall River.

There will also be recommendations coming soon from meetings with Marion in a concerted effort to negotiate local cable company contracts.

The budget process for FY 2004 is moving along. Free cash has been certified by the state, and Mr. Botelho hopes to have the operating budget for presentation at the December 15 Selectmen's meeting. Also at that meeting,

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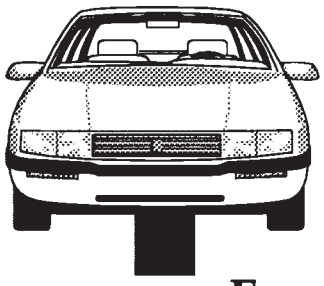
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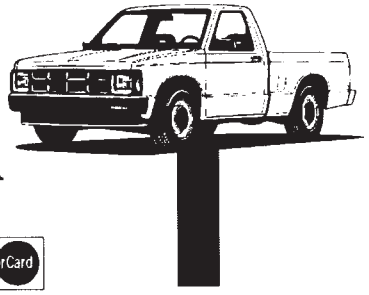


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There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:45 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

December 2, 2003

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, December 2 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Andrew Jeffrey. Also present were Selectman Benjamin Bryant, Selectman David Pierce, Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock, and Secretary Helene Craver.

The board first signed and approved various treasury and payroll warrants for the week and then unanimously approved the minutes of the November 18, 2003 meeting. The board then approved the license renewals for 2004: Auctioneer, Automatic Amusements, Club License, Common Victualler's License, Entertainment, Retail, and Package Stores (All Alcohol).

Selectman Pierce asked to hold approval of Car Dealership licenses pending clarification on sales which are done "on site" for a particular automotive repair/dealer establishment.

"There were some concerns as to how many cars are parked (at a location)," Selectman Pierce said. "Do they need to be (registered)? I just don't want to see five cars, unregistered, in front of the (business)."

"All we can do on the license is to state what the license is for," Ms. Enroth-Whitlock said. "You can't make provisions to the (license). When he was originally given this license, he was given a license to sell three vehicles

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and he could put them in the front and note they were 'for sale.'" She added that it was the purview of the Building Commissioner to monitor and enforce regulations.

"The point is, the license is extremely clear: it says three (cars)," Chairman Jeffrey said.

"If there is a problem in the future, the process is for the Building Commissioner to pull the license," Selectman Bryant added. "We'll hold a hearing and decide from there. I understand your concern that this individual is not following the rules ... but we can only give the (Building Commissioner) our support."

With that, the board unanimously voted to approve renewal of all Car Dealership licenses for 2004.

At 7:10 pm the board met with the Board of Assessors for the annual Tax Classification Hearing.

"We're here to recommend that you vote to have a single tax rate for all property — commercial and residential — in Marion," said Assessor Bradford Eames.

The board unanimously voted to follow the Assessors' recommendation and continue with a single tax rate for all real property in the Town of Marion for 2004.

"We expect to have the tax rate certified by the Department of Revenue (DOR) this week," Mr. Eames said. The tax rate is estimated to be about $9.56 per $1,000 of valuation.

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• Memo from Water Foreman Gary Sherman updating the board on the recent E-coli contamination detected in October. Although they have had five clean systemwide test samples since that time, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is requesting they continue to chlorinate through the end of December. "The public can expect to experience some taste and odor of chlorine into the first of next year," Mr. Sherman advised.

• Letter from the Marion Conservation Commission (ConCom) regarding the Bay Watch Realty Project off Front Street. "The connection to the Marion sewer system may or may not be allowed ... until the routing of the discharge line is established, we cannot give specific comments (on the project)," ConCom Chairman Robert J. Merlino wrote.

• Copy of a letter of appreciation from Greenwood Hartley III to Harbormaster Charles Bradley and his crew for saving his boat back in August, 2003. "I am very late in thanking you and your staff," Mr. Hartley wrote. "Nonetheless, I do want to mention the profession-



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• Notice from Comcast Cable advising of a rate increase of $2.71 a month, or about "9 cents a day," according to Comcast's Manager of Government and Community Relations Mary O'Keeffe. The rate hike will take effect in January 2004.

• Letter from Superintendent of Schools William R. Cooper updating the board on the five-year strategic plan for the ORR School District and School Superintendency Union 55. Action plans are to be reviewed by the Joint School Committee in March 2004.

• Notice from the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries that the waters of Sippican Harbor, from Black Point to the southern end of Allen's Point, is now open to shellfishing, effective November 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004.

In other matters, the board:

• Discussed a recent request from the Tremont Advent Christian Campmeeting Association to grant them some relief in water fees since they have a single 1.5-inch meter providing water service to all the units on the property. In the past 23 months they have been billed $9,212.47 for water/sewer use and they believe that a more equitable billing for 25 users would be closer to $2,600 per year and not $4,670 per year.

"I talked to (DPW Superintendent) Rob Zora about this, and one idea was to put different meters on each cottage," Selectman Bryant said. "The one thing that's difficult is there's a common area ... which is used by everyone. Since it is the only campground we have, the thing that I thought might work is a policy for camp-

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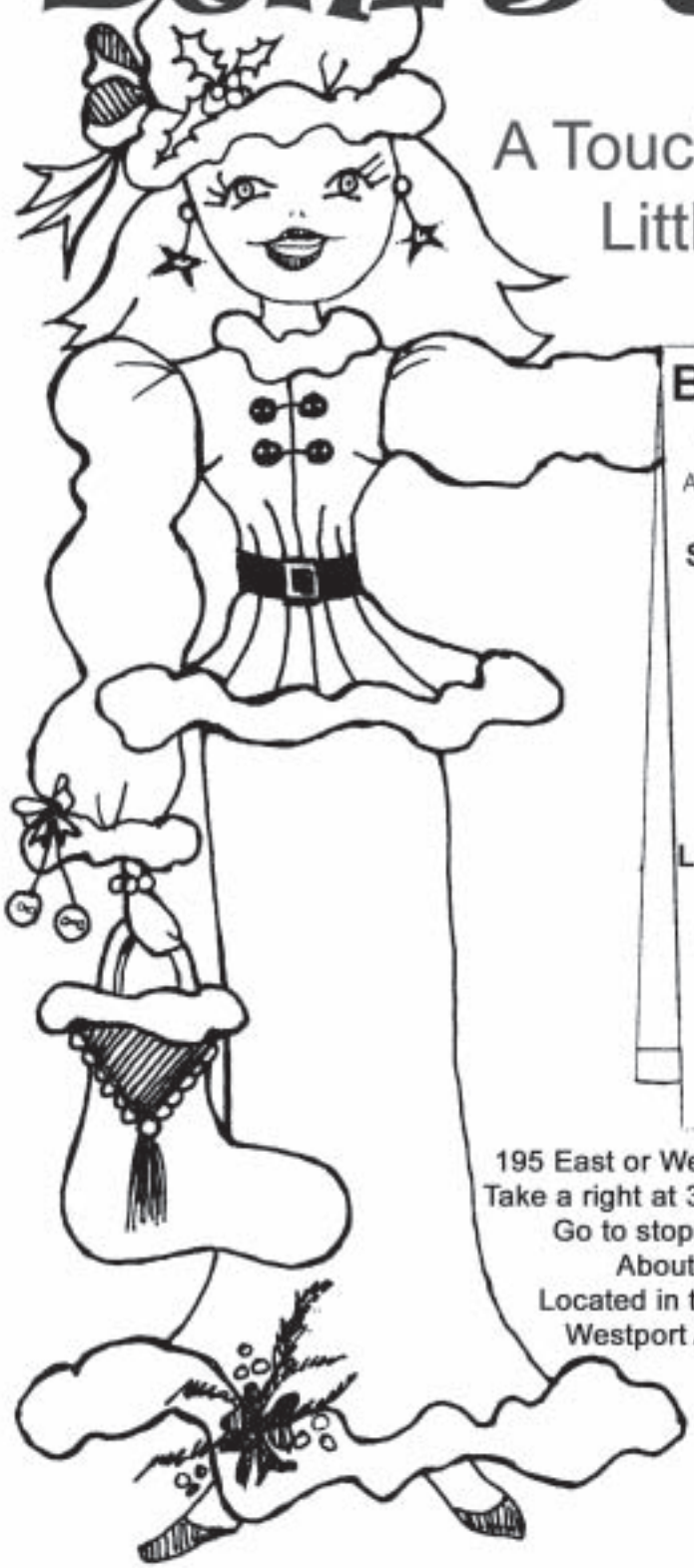
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Chairman Jeffrey suggested meeting with DPW Superintendent Rob Zora and get his input on the best solution to this dilemma. The board agreed to table discussion until that time.

• Voted to appoint Chairman Jeffrey as their delegate to the Massachusetts Municipal Association's (MMA) Annual Meeting to take place on January 17 in Boston.

• Voted to appoint Susan Schwager to the Marion Cultural Council for a three-year term upon a recommendation from Chairman Joan Hartnett-Barry.

• Granted permission to the Cable Advisory Committee to seek the advice of Special Counsel in looking into other cable options for the future.

• Voted to adopt and approve the policies and procedures for Littleneck Village as submitted by the Housing Committee.

• Noted the next regular and sole remaining Selectmen's meeting for the year will be held on Monday, December 15 at 7:00 pm due to the planned Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 16. They will then not meet again until after the New Year.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:45 pm.

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• 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm – Tuesday, December 23; Friday, December 26; Sunday, December 28; Tuesday, December 30; Sunday, January 11; Sunday, January 18; Monday, January 19; Sunday, January 25; Sunday, February 1; Sunday, February 8; Sunday, February 15; Tuesday, February 17; Thursday, February 19; Sunday, February 22; and Sunday, February 29.

For safety reasons, please follow these guidelines: hats, gloves and ice skates are required when on the ice. No earmuffs are permitted. Helmets are required for children under the age of 6 and for beginners of any age. Sleds, strollers, chairs, etc. are not permitted on the ice. Horseplay is not allowed and children may not be carried

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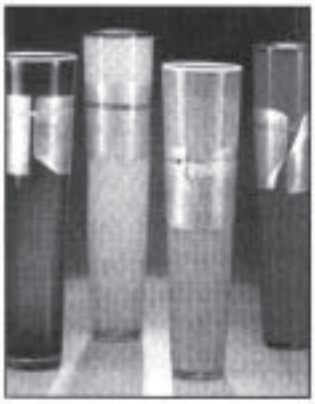
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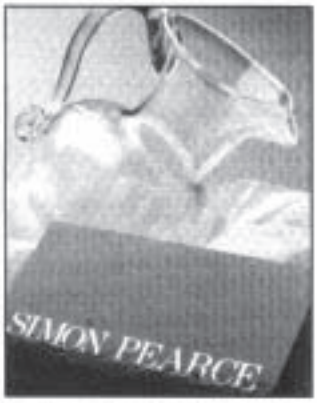
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Candy Cane Fair

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will be hosting its seventh annual Children's Candy Cane Fair on Saturday, December 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the First Congregational Church Hall in Mattapoisett. Admission is FREE. Santa is expected to arrive from the North Pole with gifts at 2:00 pm. Kids will enjoy winning prizes at the numerous games and amusements supervised by Lions Club members. Also, refreshments will be served to the children.

Based on the success of previous Candy Cane Fairs, children, as well as their parents, are expected to come and have a good time in celebrating the holiday season. Please bring a *wrapped* gift marked "boy," "girl," or "either," with the appropriate age of the child. These gifts will be collected at the door. The Lions Club will distribute these gifts to the needy children of Mattapoisett

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Rochester Country Fair

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Mark your calendars and bring your dancing shoes for the Annual Dinner Dance Fund Raiser with The Relics which will be held on Saturday, February 28 at the Red Men Hall located in Wareham. Rochester Country Fair mugs are still available at Bev Loves Books in the Plumb Corner Mall. These collectible mugs are on sale for the holidays at two for $6 or $3.50 each.

The committee is currently taking suggestions for the 2004 parade theme. If you have any creative ideas, feel free to call them. Additional fair updates as well as pictures can be viewed on the web at **www.rochesterma.com**. Thank you once again for supporting this community event.

Rochester Country Fair Committee Members: Julie Koczera (508-763-9610); Duffy Clapp (508-263-2393); Slim Bernier (508-763-2414); John Lafleur (508-989-6143);



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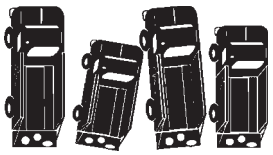
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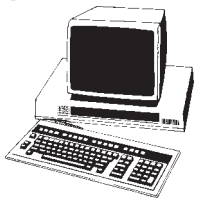
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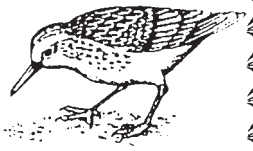
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Fairhaven Holiday Tour

The 2003 Holiday House Tour sponsored by the Fairhaven Colonial Club is themed "The Old, the New and the Very New," and will take place on Sunday, December 7 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm (no rain date). The tour will include six private homes beautifully decorated for the holidays as well as three public buildings. The tour begins at the Coggeshall Memorial House, circa 1908, home of the Fairhaven Colonial Club where tickets may be purchased the day of the tour for $12 and where brochures and maps will be distributed to identify the sites on the tour. The house was bequeathed in Martha Coggeshall's will to the club to be used as its meeting place and to house the club's collections of antiques and artifacts pertaining to Fairhaven. Refreshments will be served so that participants may choose to relax and enjoy the house that will also be decorated for the holiday season. The homes on the tour may be visited in any order by maps will be available only at the Coggeshall Memorial House on Poverty Point.

Three other homes on the tour are located nearby in the Poverty Point section of Fairhaven. One of the older homes, a handsome early Federal home, dates back to 1763, when shipbuilding for the whaling industry thrived and was well-established on the Acushnet River. The center of this activity in Fairhaven was at the foot of Oxford Street where a commercial wharf was located. Soon after the War of 1812, the wharf was abandoned. When shipbuilding was discontinued, the neighborhood became known as "Poverty Point."

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The Unitarian Church and Masonic Temple will be open to the public as well as two private homes in the center of Fairhaven. One of the private residences on the tour is a Cape-style house which has been totally restored since being purchased by its present owner in 2001 complete with before and after pictures. The Unitarian Church, often called "the finest example of 15th century English Gothic perpendicular style" in the United States, was the gift of Henry Huttleston Rogers, a native of Fairhaven. Mr. Rogers also built the Masonic Building at the corner of Main and Center Streets, dedicating it to Fairhaven resident George Taber, who was a teacher and longtime friend of Henry Huttleston Rogers. The Masonic Building is seldom open to the public and reflects Rogers' love of fine wood, intricate carving and ornate ceilings. Another unique private residence, once owned by the richest man in Fairhaven, will be filled with beautiful



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Mattapoisett Christmas Caroling

On Saturday, December 20, the Tinkhamtown Chapel in Mattapoisett will hold its annual Christmas Caroling. Everyone is invited to share in this charming tradition which is set in one of the oldest buildings in Mattapoisett, lit by oil lamps, heated with a wood stove, complete with an antique pump organ. As in the past, Dorothy Cook will accompany the choir. Children are invited to join in the choir for the caroling. Any children and/or adults that would like to share a favorite verse, song, or instrumental, please call Kate Webb at 508-758-2567 or Nancy Tinkham at 508-758-6249. Last minute performers are always accommodated, too. Free will offerings are collected for the upkeep of the chapel near the north end of Acushnet Road. If you love those great old standards, please come to the sing-along on Saturday, December 20 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm.

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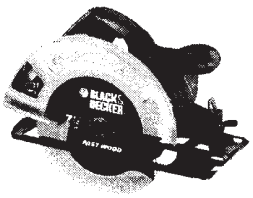
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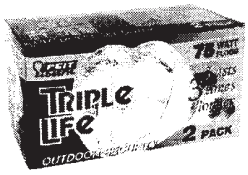


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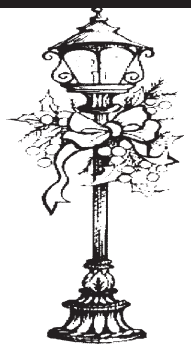
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ORR Holiday Concerts

The Old Rochester Regional Senior High School Holiday Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 pm and the ORR Junior High School Holiday Concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 pm. Each concert will be held in the ORR High School Auditorium.

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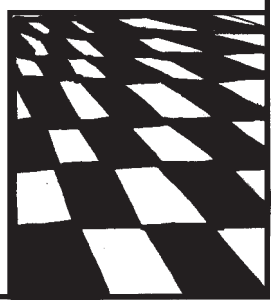
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ORR PTA Fundraiser

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Tis the season! The Plumb Corner Mall on Route 105 in Rochester is having its Fourth Annual Toys for Tots Drive. They will be accepting new unwrapped toys for all ages from now through December 16. They had a wonderful turnout last year and want to exceed the numbers this year.

On Saturday, December 6, the Plumb Corner Mall will have its Christmas Celebration along with the Toys for Tots drive and a food drive for Damien's Pantry. Please bring in Toys or Food for the drives and look for specials at participating shops. Entertainment and refreshments will be on hand throughout the mall and Santa will be on hand for the children at 11:00 am.

Sippican Historical Society

The Sippican Historical and Preservation Society will be an official stop on the Sippican Woman's Club Tour on Saturday, December 13. Be sure to stop by and see their 2003 exhibits: "Summer People and the Guilded Age" and "The Ladies of Tabor, 1877-1957." Especially exciting this year is the new model of the half-brig *Mary Celeste,* whose Captain, Benjamin Briggs, lived in Marion. The model was built and donated to the Historical Society by Neale Birdsall. Get an up-close look at the beautifully crafted model of which the Historical Society and its Curator, Pete Smith, are proud.

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The Sippican Historical Society will be closed for January and February of 2004. You can tour the Historical Society by appointment, by calling Curator Pete Smith at 508-748-1454 or the MacKinnons at 508-748-0055. The Society members thank you for your patronage in 2003 and look forward to seeing you in 2004.

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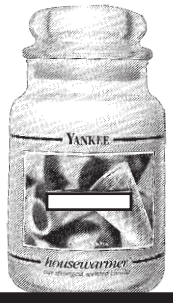
Rochester Journal 4

The Friends of the Plumb Library in Rochester are pleased to announce the recent publication of the book *Rochester Journal 4: Darkness Shall Turn To Light.* This is the fourth volume in the popular Rochester Journal series, which began in 1999. Copies are now on sale at the Plumb Library and Bev Loves Books, and sell for $7.50 each. Copies can be mailed at an additional charge of $2.

This edition includes stories, poems, photographs, and newspaper articles. It features a special tribute to the Rochester Fire Department, and some poignant memories from the Rounseville family. Readers can enjoy contributions from Arthur Lionberger, Judy Gurney, Muriel Hartley and Judy MacKinnon, Barbara Besse, Fred Randall, Jane Hinchcliffe Schotland, and many others. The book includes memories from the past two centuries. It was compiled and edited by former Library Director Lucy Loomis and printed by the students at the Offset Printing Department at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School.

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Tree Decorating

There's still time to order your tree for the Second Annual Holiday Tree Decorating Event on the Rochester Town Common. Civic groups, businesses, families, or individuals are invited to purchase a tree from the Friends of the Library, which they will then decorate and display on the Town Common.

Groups and individuals can decorate their trees from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 11 prior to the official tree lighting. The community is invited to come for refreshments, view and vote for their favorite tree, and catch the spirit of the holidays at the Plumb Memorial Library. The trees will be displayed nightly from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, December 11 - 14.

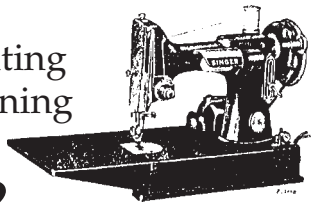
Bread Making

There's still room for participants in the Bread Baking Techniques Class being held at the Rochester Woman's Club. Maureen Sperry will be demonstrating techniques for baking specialty sandwich breads. Each participant will receive recipes and bread samples. Registration is required and a fee of $25 must be paid before the event. Please call or stop in at the library during regular hours to register.

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Tri-County Holiday Concert

Frazzled by holiday shopping and preparations? Enjoy the perfect antidote to the hustle and bustle with a relaxing afternoon listening to seasonal music. The Tri-County Symphonic Band, now in its 42nd season, will present its holiday concert on Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 pm in the Old Rochester Regional High School Performing Arts Center in Mattapoisett.

Under the direction of Daniel Lasdow, the musicians will perform something for everyone — a blend of familiar holiday favorites and dramatic works certain to please. The program includes tunes such as "Sleigh Ride" by Leroy Anderson and "Carol of the Shepherds" arranged by Philip Sparke. Likely to be highlights are Sammy Nestico's "Rhapsody for Flugelhorn and Symphonic Band" featuring soloist Bob Williamson and a holiday sing-along where audience members can show off their vocals and enthusiasm on traditional carols.

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The concert is made possible, in part, by local Cultural Council grants and the support of the Tri-County Music Association benefactors, patrons, and sponsors. And concert tickets also make great gifts! The Tri-County Symphonic Band will present additional concerts in February, March and May. For more information, please call 508-758-4457 or 508-758-4541.

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the tri-town area called the Tri-Town Business Association and they are looking to expand their membership. Their next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 17 at Old Rochester Regional High School. They will meet promptly at 8:00 am to take a tour of the new high school facility. Please enter the building through the doors on the left side of the main entrance and report directly to the office.

You are invited to attend, join and add your experience and expertise to the group. Each month the Program Team brings in speakers and has a roundtable discussion of different topics. In September they discussed Health Care issues; in October the speaker drove down from Stoneham to share his businesses community involvement commitment. Last month they discussed the local school system and how local businesses can become more involved.

Currently the association membership includes many key local business and school leaders including the Superintendents of both Old Rochester and Old Colony, the owner of the area's largest auto dealership, representatives of three local banks, cranberry bog owners, financial planners, architects, consulting engineers, surveyors, entrepreneurs who own book stores, flower boutiques, clothing designers, and numerous other businesses.

This is your opportunity to network with fellow business men and women, share ideas and make contacts. For additional information please call Woody Hartley (508-763-2463) or Valerie Nichols (508-748-2919).

ORR Financial Aid Night

The ORR Guidance Department will sponsor an Annual Financial Aid Information Night on Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 pm in the ORR High School Cafeteria. *Parents of ORR seniors should make every effort to attend this most important and informative presentation.*

Financial aid is a critical issue for all students contemplating post-secondary education. Students may qualify for aid for further education at a trade/technical school, community college, junior college, or four-year college or university. All families are encouraged to apply for financial aid. It is almost impossible to predict how this process may affect the students and the decisions

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Filling out the forms correctly can eliminate delays which might jeopardize aid packages. The financial aid forms will be available at this meeting and will then be available in the Guidance Office during school hours. Each family, however, will be issued only one copy of the forms due to supply limitations.

The program will be presented by Mass Educational Financing Authority representative Audra Callahan. Ms. Callahan is a financial aid officer at UMass Dartmouth.

The Guidance Department and Administrators urge seniors and their parents to set aside the evening of Wednesday, December 10. Information on local scholarships will also be available at this time. All ORR counselors will be in attendance and coffee will be served.

Mattapoisett Maconchu Club

The Maconchu Club is having their Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 20 in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. This will be a delicious catered dinner served by Riccardi's. There will be punch and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner at 6:45 pm.

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Rochester Council on Aging

• Thursday, December 4 – Crafts 9:00 am; Quilting 10:00 am; Lunch 11:30 am; SERVE Registration 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm; Exercises 1:00 pm;
• Friday, December 5 – Movie: *The In-Laws* at 1:30 pm;
• Sunday, December 7 – Lions Club Tree Lighting at 4:00 pm;
• Monday, December 8 – Swank, Reed and Barton's, and Benjamin's for Lunch 9:00 am; Girls Scouts 3:30 to 4:30 pm;
• Tuesday, December 9 – Lunch 11:30 am; Exercises 1:00 pm;
• Wednesday, December 10 – Shopping 8:30 am;
• Thursday, December 11 – Crafts 9:00 am; Quilting 10:00 am; Lunch 11:30 am; Exercises 1:00 pm;
• Friday, December 12 – Movie: *Bruce Almighty* at 1:30 pm;
• Sunday, December 14 – Lions Club Breakfast with Santa Claus at 8:00 am;
• Monday, December 15 – Braintree Mall, leave at 9:00 am; Computer Classes 10:00 am; Exercises at 1:00 pm;
• Tuesday, December 16 – Lunch at 11:30 am;
• Wednesday, December 17 – Shopping 8:30 am; COA Meeting at 9:30 am; AARP Christmas Party at Fishers 12:00 noon (reservations must be in by December 12);
• Thursday, December 18 – Crafts 9:00 am; Quilting 10:00 am; Blood Pressure 10:30 to 11:30 am; Lunch 11:30 am; Exercises 1:00 pm;
• Friday, December 19 – Movie: *Finding Nemo* at 1:30 pm;
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• Friday, December 26 – Senior Center Closed;
• Monday, December 29 – Kohl's and Target at 9:30 am; Exercises 1:00 pm;
• Tuesday, December 30 – Lunch 11:30 am;
• Wednesday, December 31 – Shopping at 8:30 am.

Marion Garden Group

The Marion Garden Discussion Group will hold its annual Christmas boutique on Saturday, December 13 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Gabriel's Church library on South Street in Marion. The proceeds from the sale will go toward the continuing maintenance of the window boxes in Marion village.

Friends of the Elderly

The Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly will be hosting their Annual Christmas Party for all Mattapoisett seniors on December 11. They will have a lasagna dinner, gifts, and entertainment by Dolores Jones and also Jean West's fourth grade students. This event is FREE, but you must have a ticket, which can be obtained from Cynthia at the Mattapoisett Senior Center. Deadline for getting this is December 5, so don't delay!

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Mattapoisett Council on Aging

December Dates

December 4: Independence Mall; December 11: Friends of the Elderly Christmas Party at 12:00 noon (tickets at Senior Center); December 12: Christmas Tree Shop in Bourne; December 14: Tri-County Concert (tickets at Senior Center); December 16: Lunch at Lorenzo's; December 18: Dartmouth/Vanity Fair; December 24: No Bingo; December 25 and 26: Senior Center Closed.

Upper Cape Nursing Program

Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School's Practical Nursing Program has announced the dates of the entrance exam for the 2004-2005 school year. The required entrance exam will be administered at the school on the following dates: Saturday, January 17, 2004; Saturday, February 28, 2004; and Saturday, March 13, 2004 from 7:45 am to approximately 12:00 noon. Pre-registration is required. No walk-ins will be admitted. Seating is limited and will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. The exam fee is $75 and payable only by cash or money order. For additional information or to receive a registration form by mail, please contact 508-759-7711, extension 215. Registration forms are also located on the school's website at **www.uppercapetech.com**.



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Blood Pressure Clinics for the month of December will be held on Wednesday, December 10 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and on Wednesday, December 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Clinics will now be held at the Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, in the nurse's office. For the evening clinic, please use the side entrance on Church Street.

Rochester Historical Society

There will be no meeting of the Rochester Historical Society in December as the Society members take time out for the holidays. It has been a busy year for the Society. Their membership has doubled this year and they look forward to continued growth. The last six months have been especially busy beginning with the acquisition of the East Rochester Church on County Road in June. With the church came the need for fund-raising.

Members manned booths at both the Country Fair and the Church Flea Market held in Rochester in August, as they have in past years, as well as a yard sale at the East Church in November. These were all successful ventures for the Society. An Open House was held in October which gave everyone a chance to visit and see the lovely interior of the East Rochester Church. The Open House was not just the highlight of a busy year, but was also the official start of a campaign to raise funds to refurbish the downstairs with the hope of sometime soon housing a museum. The Society members want to thank

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the Cape Cod Bank & Trust and their representative, Ms. Christine Winters, for their generous donation to the building fund. Society members appreciate and are grateful for the help the CCB&T has given them.

There are still t-shirts available at Bev Loves Books at the Plumb Corner Mall as well as numerous items at the Plumb Memorial Library. These make great gifts for the holidays. Don't forget loved ones who live far away but still hold Rochester in their hearts. Think how much they might enjoy something to remind them of home.

Look for future announcements in *The Wanderer* on upcoming Historical Society meetings or events, or call Sue LaFleur at 508-295-8908.

Marion Art Center

Holiday Shop

The Twentieth Annual Holiday Shop at the Marion Art Center is now open through December 21 this year. The shop features one-of-a kind hand made items from jewelry to clothing to baskets, bags, doll clothes, stained glass, cards, paintings, pet toys, ornaments and more. Artists included in the show are: Veronique Bale, Wendy Bergman, Karen Berman-Mulligan, David Bill, Sarah Brown, Jean Chase, Elaine Cooper, Nancy Dennis, Karen Eames, Peter Guilday, Megan Hart, Whare Heke, Sarah Hicks, Elizabeth Howland, Nora Irvine, Gretchen Joy, Susan Krause, Faith Martin, Sandra Meyer-Cohen, Ann McMahon, Helen McMullen, Carrie Millen, Joe Montour, Barbara Newman, Holly Ostneburg, Kyle Pardo, Karen Robertson, Mary Ross, Peter Stone, Katrina Trull, Carol Vincent, Stephanie Walenski.

The shop is open Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

There will be a Children's Tea Party on Saturday, December 6 with high tea and entertainment by award-winning entertainer Judy Pancoast. Since creating *KidPop*!, a collection of fun songs in 1996, Ms. Pancoast has toured across the country several times and produced four popular collections of her routines. In 1999 she won the "Best Song for Children" award for the hilarious hit "Swimming in Jello." There will be two seatings: 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Tickets are $10 and reservations are required. Please call 508-748-1266.

Silhouette artist Carol LeBeaux will be demonstrating at the Marion Art Center on Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Hand-cut silhouettes are an old-fashioned art and require unique skill and technique. There will also be a display of memorabilia from the Art Center's collection of personal effects of portrait artist Cecil Clark Davis (1877-1955) in conjunction with the Sippican Women's Club's Marion House Tour.

Upcoming Events

• Now through December 21 – 20th Annual Holiday Shop. Over fifty artists and artisans will be represented. The shop features fine art, jewelry, wreaths,



pottery, porcelain, wood carvings, baskets, furniture, ornaments, books, bags, glass, clothes, lamps and much more!

• Saturday, December 6 – Children's Tea Party. Fun entertainment by Judy Pancoast and High Tea, with two seatings — 1:00 and 3:00 pm. For reservations, please call 508-748-1266. Tickets are $10 for MAC members, $12.50 for non-members.

• Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm – Silhouettes by Carol Lebeaux. These hand-cut portraits will become treasured heirlooms in your family — the perfect gift for any occasion! Please call or stop by the office to reserve a time.

• Thursday, December 4 at 4:00 pm – Marion Art Center Dancers Show; Friday, December 5 at 6:00 pm – Young People's Theater Show.

Also coming up: Marion Art Center Dancers Show on Thursday, December 4 at 4:00 pm.

Tabitha's Tinsel Tea

Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center Street in Fairhaven, will present "Tabitha's Tinsel Tea," a Victorian celebration, on Saturday, December 13 at 1:30 pm. Tickets are $15 prior to the tea and $18 the day of the tea. Join them for a delightful afternoon in the beautifully decorated dining room of Our Lady's Haven, formerly the historic Tabitha Inn, in Fairhaven center. Dine on tea sandwiches, scones with Devonshire cream and jellies, assorted pastries,

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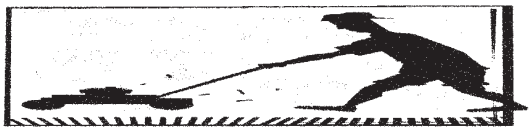
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Acushnet Town Election

Acushnet Town Clerk Richard Threlfall announced the following elected positions will be included on the Annual Town Election slated for Monday, April 5, 2004. Nomination papers will be available in the Town Clerk's office beginning January 5, 2004. The last day to take out nomination papers is February 13, 2004.

Selectman (one three-year term); Assessor (one three-year term); Board of Health (one three-year term); School Committee (two three-year terms); School Committee (one two-year term); Commissioner of Trust Funds (one three-year term); Trustee of Free Public Library (two three-year terms); Cemetery Board (one three-year term); Park Commissioner (one three-year term); Planning Commissioner (one five-year term); Planning Commissioner (one two-year term); Board of Public Works (one three-year term); and Housing Authority (one five-year term).

Candidates are required to submit thirty-five (35) valid signatures. Nomination papers must be returned to the Town Clerk's office by Tuesday, February 17, 2004.

Scouts Seek Donations

The Boy Scouts will benefit from a recently launched Car and Boat Campaign. People wishing to donate their vehicle to the Boy Scouts are asked to call 1-888-212-9900. Donors of cars or boats may be able to take the fair market value as a tax deduction on their income tax. Donating a car or boat is a simple and painless process. Donations will benefit Scouts in Massachusetts and New Hampshire through the Yankee Clipper Council. Some restrictions apply.

Marion Council on Aging

Senior Party

The Council on Aging (COA) has tickets to the 33rd Annual Senior Citizen's Holiday Party at UMass Dartmouth on Saturday, December 13 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission is FREE.

Podiatry Clinic

The next Podiatry Clinic will be held on Monday, December 8. Appointments are needed and can be made by calling 508-748-3570.

Fairhaven Holiday Auction

The Fairhaven Rotary Club in cooperation with Fairhaven-Acushnet Comcast Broadband Channel 95 will present a live broadcast auction on Sunday, December 7 from 4:00 to 10:00 pm (with a preview at 3:30 pm). The

auction will feature brand new merchandise and services donated by local businesses, more than 300 items to go to the highest bidder, with values in excess of $30,000. Viewers may bid on items by calling 508-999-3223. Visa and Mastercard will be accepted. Proceeds will go for community service projects, college scholarships, good citizenship awards, international youth exchange, projects for seniors and people with disabilities.

To donate items, please call Kevin or Denise Cromwell at 508-997-9136. Among the items to be auctioned: meals at local restaurants, gift certificates, garage/workshop items, hair/skin care services, auto services and supplies, boating supplies/services, baskets and boxes of beverages, sports items, gift items, home electronics, health club memberships, home improvements, toys, ticketing/sporting events, and jewelry. This auction is a great way to shop for Christmas!

Holiday Classics at the Z

The Nebraska Theater Caravan returns to New Bedford's Zeiterion Theater with its annual holiday production of *A Christmas Carol* on Saturday, December 13 with two performances: 2:00 and 7:00 pm. It is sponsored, for the second consecutive year, by Sovereign Bank.

Again starring Matthew Kamprath as Scrooge, this version of *A Christmas Carol* has endeared itself to Zeiterion patrons over the years. Colorful sets, spectacular costumes, and superb acting are the hallmarks of the show.

On Saturday, December 20, *The Nutcracker* will be performed by Rhode Island's esteemed Festival Ballet. This marks the first appearance by the ballet troupe and one eagerly anticipated by Zeiterion Executive Director Christopher Le Blanc, who said: "We were fortunate Festival Ballet was available to book this season, as we had been looking to bring in a new company this year. I believe our patrons will be very pleased with our choice."

The Nutcracker, sponsored by Baker Books, will also have two performances: 2:00 and 7:00 pm. Popcorn and other concessions will be sold before and during the performances.

Tickets are only available at the Zeiterion Box Office, located at 684 Purchase Street in downtown New Bedford. Group rates are available for 15 or more. Tickets are $15, $22, and $29. The box office is open Tuesday - Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. It is closed Sunday and Monday. For more information, please call the Zeiterion Box Office at 508-994-2900. When the recorded message begins, please press "6."

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Movie Review

Black Christmas



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***Bad Santa*. Starring Billy Bob Thornton and Bernie Mac. Directed by Terry Zwigoff. Running time: 91 minutes. MPAA rating: R.**

Bad Santa is to Christmas what *Bad Lieutenant* was to cops. I'll go out on a limb and rank it right up there with *Scrooged* (only less stylish, and without the incomparable Bill Murray, who was once considered for this movie) in the admittedly small subgenre of anti-holiday comedies. The film's success (or failure) really begins and ends with Billy Bob Thornton, and if you don't get tired of watching him sitting in a grubby Santa suit and growling "What the f— do *you* want?" to the latest kid unlucky enough to park on his urine-stained lap (it never got old for me), this is your movie this season. Merry Christmas.

Thornton is Willie T. Stokes, a drunken, foulmouthed loser who wearily dons the Santa suit each December for whatever shopping mall is desperate enough to hire him. His partner, the diminutive Marcus (Tony Cox), is a black elf with white pointy ears. Willie and Marcus have a lucrative scam: along with Marcus' greedy wife Lois (Lauren Tom), they break into their mall employer's safe after hours, make off with thousands of dollars, and head south until it's time to do it all over again.

This year, however, throws Willie a chubby curveball, in the form of a neglected, pathetic kid (Brett Kelly, likable without being cutesy) who adopts Willie as a kind of surrogate Santa Dad. Willie will have none of this, even when he's forced to move in with the kid and his decrepit grandma (Cloris Leachman). Yet some shred of decency begins to dawn in Willie's booze-soaked heart. Without losing his disreputable, ornery edge — he's still a drunk and a thief — Thornton enacts a slow, grudging turnaround that's believable precisely *because* Willie is such a low-down sleazeball. The movie is less about gaining the Christmas spirit than about defying the corporate ethos (personified by the mall's mealy-mouthed manager, smoothly played by John Ritter in his final screen appearance) that hijacks and then abandons that spirit every year.

This is likely the closest that director Terry Zwigoff (of the brilliant documentary *Crumb* and 2001's quirky comedy-drama *Ghost World*) will ever come to a mainstream movie: *Bad Santa* opened on 2,005 screens, for God's sake. Yet, like Thornton, Zwigoff doesn't sell out. Peppering the soundtrack with liberal satirical appropriation of dusty classical Christmas music, Zwigoff crafts the sort of vulgar, deadpan-funny fable even Robert Crumb might chuckle at. His taste in supporting actors remains first-rate: Bernie Mac appears as the mall's corrupt head of security (who has a unique approach to reprimanding a shoplifting kid); Lauren Graham, in a far cry from her rather more innocent role on *The Gilmore Girls,* scores as a bartender with (to Willie's bemused surprise) a Santa fetish; Ajay Naidu (*Office Space*) and Matt Walsh (*Upright Citizens Brigade*) turn up for quick, memorable bits.

But it all comes back to Billy Bob, who owns this movie the way Murray owned *Scrooged* — an unrepentant weasel who finds himself, by the end, risking death to deliver a pink stuffed elephant to the kid. Though not officially credited, Joel and Ethan Coen reportedly devised the film's original story (their names are on the movie as executive producers), and I bet they got the idea while directing Thornton as the stoic, humorless barber in *The Man Who Wasn't There.* I have a mental image of them on the set, putting a Santa hat on a sour-faced Billy Bob and laughing as they realized there could be a movie in that.

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Brother Bear (G) – 12:40, 2:40, 5:00
Looney Tunes: Back in Action (PG) – 6:55, 9:05
Master & Commander (PG-13) – 1:05, 4:00, 6:55, 9:35
The Cat in the Hat (PG) – 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:00
Elf (PG) – 12:45, 2:55, 5:05, 7:15, 9:15
The Missing (R) – 12:55, 4:05, 7:05, 9:40
Timeline (PG-13) – 12:35, 3:00, 7:25, 9:45
The Last Samurai (R) – 12:40, 3:45, 6:50, 9:50

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Friday, December 5 through Thursday, December 11.
The Last Samurai (R) – 12:30, 3:35, 7:00, 10:00
Timeline (PG-13) – 12:35, 3:55, 7:20, 9:55
Bad Santa (R) – 12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:25, 9:30
The Haunted Mansion (PG) – 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:15, 9:35
The Matrix: Revolutions (R) – 7:10, 9:40
Brother Bear (G) – 12:15, 2:20, 5:05
Love Actually (R) – 12:10, 3:00, 7:05, 9:45
Elf (PG) – 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:10, 9:30
The Missing (R) – 12:05, 3:30, 7:00*, 9:50
Mystic River (R) – 6:55, 9:45
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Bubba Ho-Tep (R) – Fri: 3:50, 6:50, 9:00; Sat: 1:10, 3:50, 6:50, 9:00; Sun: 1:10, 3:50, 6:50; Mon-Thu: 3:50, 6:50
Love Actually (R) – Fri: 3:45, 6:30, 9:10; Sat: 12:50, 3:45, 6:30, 9:10; Sun: 12:50, 3:45, 6:30; Mon-Thu: 3:45, 6:30
The Missing (R) – Fri: 3:20, 6:35, 9:15; Sat: 12:30, 3:20, 6:35, 9:15; Sun: 12:30, 3:20, 6:35; Mon-Thu: 3:20, 6:35
Mystic River (R) – Fri: 3:30, 6:40, 9:15; Sat: 12:40, 3:30, 6:40, 9:15; Sun: 12:40, 3:30, 6:40; Mon-Thu: 3:30, 6:40

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Thursday, December 11 – Hot dog on a roll, ham sandwich, potato puffs, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, December 12 – Pizza bagel, tuna salad sandwich, macaroni salad, fresh fruit, milk.

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Wednesday, December 10 – Pea soup, turkey ham with fruit sauce, glazed carrots, rye roll, orange with raisins.

Thursday, December 11 – Meat loaf with gravy, whipped potato, peas, snowflake roll, chocolate pudding, sugar-free pudding.

Friday, December 12 – Pier 17 fish with tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, Green style green beans, rye bread, apricots with light syrup.

• CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, December 8 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, roll, lettuce/tomato, oven fries, pickles, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, December 9 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, December 10 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, toasted cheese, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, December 11 – Beef taco, chicken fajita, lettuce/tomato/cheese, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, December 12 – Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tuna roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

• FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACUSHNET

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Wednesday, December 10 – Baked chicken dinner, rice, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 11 – Hot dog on a roll, grilled cheese, French fries, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, December 12 – Pizza bagel, tuna salad sandwich, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

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Wednesday, December 10 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, toasted cheese, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, December 11 – Beef taco, chicken fajita, lettuce/tomato/cheese, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, December 12 – Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tuna roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 8 – Rib-a-que, potato puffs, corn, peaches, marble cake.

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Wednesday, December 10 – Chicken pattie, French fries, carrots, mixed fruit, frosted cake.

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Tuesday, December 9 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, December 10 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, toasted cheese, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, December 11 – Beef taco, chicken fajita, lettuce/tomato/cheese, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, December 12 – Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tuna roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

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Monday, December 8 – Soup, chicken tenders with mashed potato, meatball sub, glazed carrots, gravy, roll, dessert, juice or milk.

Tuesday, December 9 – Soup, bacon cheeseburgers, oven potatoes, McCrispy chicken, lettuce/tomato, pickle, dessert, juice or milk.

Wednesday, December 10 – Soup, beef ravioli, steak/pepper/onion sub, garlic bread, Caesar salad, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, December 11 – Soup, chicken fajita, pepperoni pocket, lettuce/tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, dessert, juice or milk.

Friday, December 12 – Soup, French toast sticks, sausage, chicken pattie, hash browns, warm apples, dessert, juice or milk.

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Tuesday, December 9 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, December 10 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, toasted cheese, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, December 11 – Beef taco, chicken fajita, lettuce/tomato/cheese, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, December 12 – Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tuna roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Fairhaven Tree Fundraiser

Dick and Vivian Douglass of Fairhaven, together will their family and friends, will continue their unique approach to fighting a family member's diagnosis of ALS, a fatal neurodegenerate disease more commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease." On Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, the Douglass' will be selling Christmas trees from their farm located on Sconticut Neck Road at the West Island turnoff. All proceeds from trees purchased will support ALS Therapy Development Foundation (ALS-TDF), an organization dedicated to developing treatments and a cure for ALS patients alive today. All trees are $30; choose the one you like and they will cut it or you can do it yourself. Live trees will also be available, but you will need to supply your own shovel and tree transport materials.

Expressing his gratitude for the Christmas tree sale, James Heywood, founder of ALS-TDF, said: "This is a great way to help ALS-TDF and move forward the work we are doing for all ALS patients. It never ceases to amaze me that people already dealing with so much in their lives can show a commitment to helping others. We are truly grateful for the Douglass' support."

The ALS-TDF encourages everyone to come and join the Douglass family in this important effort as they raise funds to find a cure for ALS and try and beat the previous year's result of $12,000. To learn more about ALS-TDF and how you can help, please contact Molly Brady at 617-441-7249 or **mbrady@als.net**. There will be several ALS-TDF staff at the tree sale to help cut trees and answer any questions about their work.

Mattapoisett Machacam Club

Due to construction/renovation taking place at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street in Mattapoisett, the Machacam Club's monthly meetings will be terminated until further notice. The Legion is progressing with the project as quickly as possible and they hope to resume meetings in a timely fashion. Please watch *The Wanderer* for further developments.

Rochester Tree Lighting

The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in the Town of Rochester will be held on Monday, December 8 at 6:00 pm. The Rochester Memorial School Chorus and Band will entertain with holiday music and song. All Rochester residents are cordially invited to attend.

Rochester Door Decorating

Attention Rochester residents! It's time to decorate your doors for the Christmas Door Decorating Contest. Doors will be judged on Monday, December 15 beginning at 5:00 pm. To register for the contest, please call Veronica Lafreniere at the Town Hall, 508-763-3871, extension 10.

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INNER VIEWS

Mommie Dearest

By Kenneth J. Souza
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• *The Reagans*. Starring Judy Davis and James Brolin. Written by Jane Marchwood, Tom Rickman and Elizabeth Egloff. Directed by Robert Allan Ackerman. Running time: 172 minutes. Rated: TV-PG.

There's a silly and inadvertent movie homage early on in the hotly-debated and ultimately dreadful ***The Reagans*** biopic where Nancy Reagan (Judy Davis) throws her daughter Patti onto the bed, chastising her for potentially jeopardizing her father's new job as spokesman for General Electric. For a moment I thought I had accidentally leaned on the remote and channel-surfed over to a repeat showing of *Mommie Dearest.*

Granted, former President Ronald Reagan was fond of referring to his wife as "Mommy," so I guess the creators of this ersatz political drama might have used that one detail as a jumping off point to paint a stark portrait of Nancy Reagan as Faye Dunaway's infamous alterego. In fact, you might even describe this controversial movie as an odd hybrid of *Mommie Dearest* and Oliver Stone's *Nixon,* with a healthy dose of *Macbeth* thrown in for good measure.

Having settled in to see what all the recent hubbub was about, I was caught off guard with the film's central focus on Nancy Reagan as the devious Lady Macbeth — the scheming woman behind the throne. Having now watched the nearly three-hour film, I think the campaign to disuade CBS from airing the two-part mini-series, although successful, was wrongheaded and misguided.

To be sure, the movie doesn't attempt to deify Ronald Reagan, but it's not wholly unsympathetic to the ailing president, either. That, I think, is due in large part to James Brolin's surprisingly effective characterization and his wise choice to resist mimicking Reagan's hushed, stilted speech. (Anthony Hopkins used a similarly smart approach to playing Richard Nixon to even greater effect in Oliver Stone's film.)

Sadly, the same can't be said of the fine actress Judy Davis, who makes a valiant effort to break open the cardboard and somewhat mean-spirited portrayal of Nancy Reagan as written. Although much has been made of the across-the-board "historical inaccuracies" in the movie — from the president's alleged declaration "they who live in sin shall die in sin" about AIDS victims (which has been removed from the version Showtime is now airing) to depictions of Patti as a rebellious pill-popper and Ron Jr. prancing around the living room to ballet music — it is Nancy who takes the brunt of the thrashing here. All politics aside, Davis struggles to shape sour-faced scowls and stupid lines like "Ronald Reagan is *never* wrong" into a coherent performance but fails miserably.



Having previously railed against the unfair and premature bashing — nay, *censoring* — of Mel Gibson's forthcoming *The Passion of Christ,* I don't agree with the similar tactics used to strongarm CBS into dumping *The Reagans* from their schedule, either. To me, censorship in any form is a dangerous proposition and a threat to our freedoms. But I can see why CBS was reluctant to air the finished product in this case. Were it a typical TV movie or mini-series about anything other than a galvanizing and controversial political figure, I'd still find it just as pedestrian and stiff. Hollow and one-sided, it's all about Nancy Reagan knocking down obstacles along her hubby's path to the White House like some errant, wild bowling ball.

Dramatic? Yes. Interesting? No.

At one point after Reagan is first elected Governor of California, Nancy is interviewed by writer Joan Didion and she complains that Didion "is out to get her" upon reading the published article. Accurate or not, I have a feeling Nancy might be justified in thinking the same of the writers behind *The Reagans.*

• *The Reagans* will next air on Thursday, December 4 at 8:00 pm (Showtime); Saturday, December 6 at 8:00 pm (Showtime Too); and Wednesday, December 10 at 8:00 pm (Showtime).



Marion Holiday Tour

The Sippican Woman's Club invites everyone to join them for their 17th Annual Holiday House Tour, titled *Holidays Past*, on December 13, 2003. Begin the tour at Handy's Tavern on Front Street in the village of Marion. The theme, *Holidays Past,* will be reflected in several vignettes displayed creatively throughout the tavern by a team of club members under the direction of Lissa Magauran and Judy Fasciana. Each of these will depict a different decade and be sure to evoke memories of Holidays Past. The presentations will include several special collections. The Woman's Club plans to raffle the handcrafted Christmas Stockings displayed on the fireplace mantle.

Delight in visiting six gracious homes located in the village and several waterfront locations. The featured houses will be open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Along the way, be sure to visit the Marion Historical Society and the Marion Art Center. Plan a stop at St. Gabriel's Parish Hall for a relaxing Afternoon Tea, which is included in your ticket price. While there, browse the boutique sponsored

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Local Police Logs



MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 23, 2003 through November 29, 2003:

• Wareham Road – suspicious activity
• Delano Road – larceny/past
• Wareham Road – animal complaint
• Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Point Road – fire alarm
• Marion Road – adult arrest (speeding, operating under the influence of liquor: second offense, negligent operation of motor vehicle)
• Spring Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Route 195 East – suspicious activity
• Converse Road – vandalism/past
• South Street – parking violation
• Dexter Road – animal complaint
• Delano Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Spring Street – larceny/past
• Wareham Road – suspicious person
• Spring Street – larceny/past
• Spring Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Barros Drive – disturbance
• Mill Street – assist other police department
• Marion Road – assist other police department
• Barros Drive – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
• Olde Logging Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Marion Road – assist other police department
• Barnabas Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Front Street – by-laws violation
• Lady Slipper Lane – family disturbance
• Olde Knoll Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Indian Cove Road – suspicious activity
• Marion Road – assist other police department
• Moorings Road – animal complaint
• Point Road – adult arrest (protective custody)
• River Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Spring Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Washburn Park Road – shooting
• Wareham Road – adult arrest (warrant, possession of Class D substance)
• Front Street – disturbance
• Silvershell Beach – suspicious motor vehicle.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 23, 2003 through November 29, 2003:

• Fairhaven Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• County Road – animal complaint
• Marion Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
• North Street – motor vehicle accident
• Barstow Street – assist other agency
• County Road – motor vehicle accident
• Wolf Island Road – assist other agency
• Wolf Island Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Ned's Point Road – animal control
• Acushnet Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• County Road – suspicious persons
• Route 195 West – adult arrest (warrant)
• Marion Road – suspicious persons
• Water Street – disturbance
• Main Street – adult arrest (warrant)
• Industrial Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
• Acushnet Road – property found
• Acushnet Road – vandalism
• County Road – weapons discharge
• Shady Oak Drive – vandalism
• Brandt Island Road – stolen motor vehicle/theft
• Fairhaven Road – adult arrest (warrant)
• Beaver Path – lost property
• Hereford Hill Road – animal complaint
• Reservation Road – motor vehicle violations.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 25, 2003 through December 2, 2003:

• Front Street – assist other agency
• Pine Street – motor vehicle accident
• Vaughan Hill Road – animal complaint
• Mattapoisett Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Braley Hill Road – highway matter
• Ryder Road – ATV/recreational vehicle complaint
• Dexter Lane – disturbance
• Main Street – assist other agency
• Dexter Lane – fire/bonfire
• North Avenue – motor vehicle complaint/drag racing
• County Road – assist other agency
• Dexter Lane – suspicious activity
• Neck Road – animal control
• County Road – assist other agency
• County Road – motor vehicle accident
• Pine Street – fire alarm
• New Bedford Road – civil complaint
• New Bedford Road – adult arrest (possession of Class D substance, possession of drug paraphernalia)
• Robinson Road – adult arrest (warrant, fugitive from justice)
• Robinson Road – highway matter
• Paradise Lane – brush fire
• Sylva Street – adult arrest (warrant, fugitive from justice)
• Braley Hill Road – ATV/recreational vehicle complaint
• Mary's Pond Road – motor vehicle accident
• Old Tuck Bog Road – disturbance
• Taber Lane – larceny/forgery/fraud
• New Bedford Road – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
• North Avenue – adult arrest (warrant).

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Design coordinator Madeline Cooke selected the following Design Specialists to decorate the homes on tour: Susannah Davis of Landscape Design, local artist; Lynne Parks Kuhl, Sharon Jane Monteiro of Eden Landscapes and Garden Center; Madeline Cooke of Ashwell Stenciling; Lisa Wright from A Flower Works; and Holly Turner of Blossoms Flower and Gift Shop.

The cost per ticket is $13 if purchased in advance and $16 on the day of the tour. Tickets will be sold in advance in Marion at the Bookstall, Isabelle's and the Marion General Store. Tickets will also be available at Sharon Bassett Antiques and the Barefoot Contessa at the Ropewalk Mall in Mattapoisett. On the day of the tour, tickets will be available at Coldwell Banker Hayes Real Estate Office at 150 Front Street, next to Handy's Tavern.

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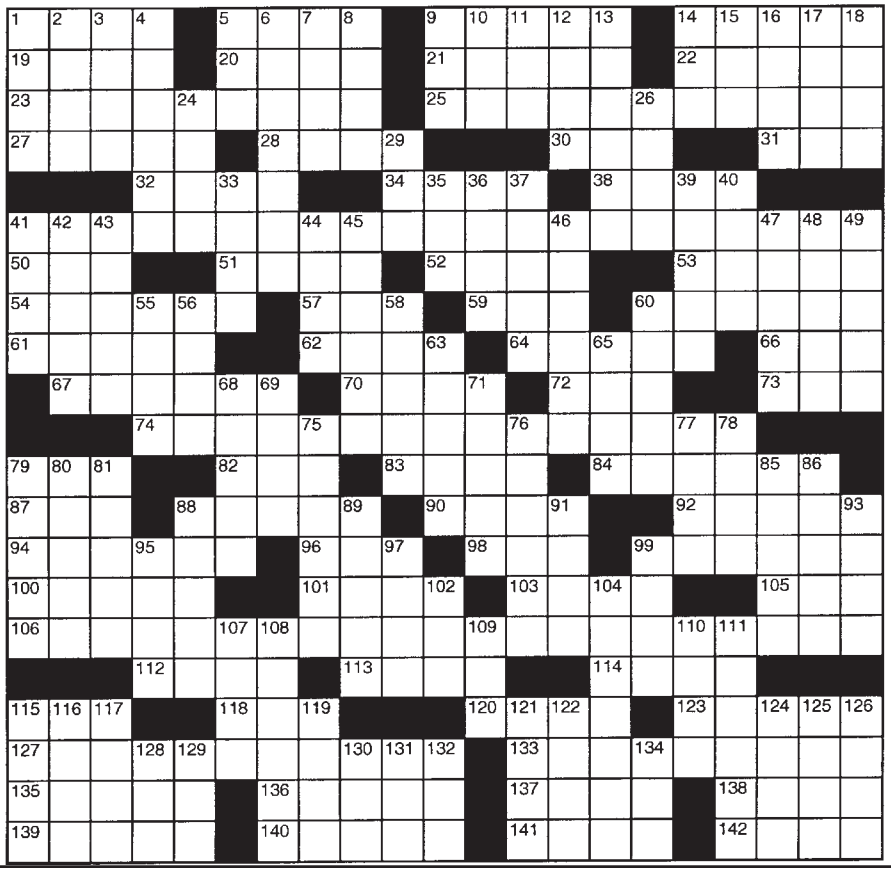
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21 Dodge
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23 Melanie Griffith movie
25 W. Somerset Maugham work
27 Check recipient
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30 Impresario Hurok
31 "Mal de —"
32 More than more
34 Author Martin
38 Dick Tracy's love
41 Laura Esquivel novel
50 Southern st.
51 Green bean
52 Artist Joan
53 Arrives
54 Most painful
57 Drivers' lics., e.g.
59 Bando of baseball
60 Yarn purchases
61 — drum
62 Coolidge or Gam
64 Conspires
66 Where the buoys are
67 Dachshund or dik-dik
70 Pop
72 Antipollution grp.
73 Porker's palace
74 With "The," John Irving book
79 Russian jet
82 Dogpatch's Daisy —
83 Ballet movement
84 "Dreaming of You" singer
87 Private pension
88 Insect stage
90 Canvas cover
92 Layette fasteners
94 Patriot Hale
96 Kind
98 Zilch
99 Sardou drama
100 Be nosy
101 Actress Purviance
103 Mount-batten's rank
105 Like Austin Powers
106 Jimmie Rodgers hit
112 — machine
113 Stagger
114 Loretta Young's birthplace
115 Lawyers' org.
118 "— pro nobis"
120 Certain Slav composer
123 Restaurateur Shor
127 "Angel of the Morning" singer
133 "No, No, Nanette" song
135 Actress Eve
136 Basketball venue
137 Valuable
138 Chiles or Nettleton
139 Baggage checkers?
140 Sociable starling
141 German river
142 — lily

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1 "Friday the 13th" setting
2 Sayao solo
3 Painter Peter
4 "You — Feel Like Dancing" ('76 hit)
5 — Jima
6 "The Consul" composer
7 Role for Rigg
8 — terrier
9 Wine word
10 Dam org.
11 Acorn, eventually
12 Poems of praise
13 Spanish explorer
14 Road to enlightenment
15 Antiquity, archaically
16 Novelist O'Flaherty
17 Tropical spot
18 Will of "The Waltons"
24 Catty remark?
26 Baldwin of "Outside Providence"
29 Lout
33 It's good in a pinch
35 Morticia, to Pugsley
36 Rainbow goddess
37 Remnant
39 White House pet
40 — gin fizz
41 Glasgow girl
42 Actress Massey
43 Designer Donna
44 Islamic ruler
45 Salad veggie
46 Shout
47 Off the mark
48 Belief
49 Lamb product
55 95 Down's real name
56 Big rig
58 Bend
60 No longer fresh
63 Man or stallion
65 Artistic output
68 Big pitcher?
69 Tragic monarch
71 Laotian native
75 Study for exams
76 More macabre
77 Or — (threat words)
78 "You — Me" ('57 hit)
79 Capital of Belarus
80 Persian, presently
81 Los —, CA
85 Ruth's mother-in-law
86 Chef's shield?
88 Stickpin locale
89 Cabinet wood
91 Realty map
93 Mean Marquis
95 "Bonanza" brother
97 Patella's place
99 Insipid
102 Dug in
104 Pie filling
107 Any time now
108 Flow
109 High rails
110 West. alliance
111 Spirals
115 Trojan War hero
116 Raymond of "Godzilla"
117 "Celeste —" (Verdi aria)
119 Crooked
121 Raison d'—
122 Authentic
124 Nebraska native
125 Baby branch
126 Mediocre
128 Dodger Ron
129 Minnesota twins?
130 Hamilton bill
131 Out — limb
132 Slangy negative
134 Service charge



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep your feelings to yourself as you work through an awkward circumstance. Complaining is useless, and also unwise since your words could come back to haunt you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A sudden flash of Bovine practicality shows you how you might be able to turn your artistic pursuits into a profitable venture. A spouse or partner offers some sage advice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be prepared with several "Plan Bs" that you might have to use as backups just in case you encounter some troublesome complications with your carefully constructed schedule.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might think you'll never have a free moment again with the demands of the workplace piling on. Cheer up. The pressure eases as holiday time nears. An old friend brings good news.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Leonine pride might make it difficult to offer an apology to a co-worker you unintentionally offended. But a quick and sincere "I'm sorry" could prevent problems down the line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to tackle those backed-up chores that have kept you from moving into other and potentially more worthwhile projects. A personal matter needs your attention.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You usually have no problem rushing to the defense of someone you perceive as being treated unjustly. But perceptions could be deceiving this week. Check the facts before you act.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before you point fingers at who might be to blame for the unexpected change in your plans, take a few moments to reflect on how this turn of events might be a blessing in disguise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You seek out advice in the first part of the week. But be careful not to let counsel from others overshadow your own sense of perception. Things become clearer by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The trusted colleagues you relied on earlier continue to offer support with your project. But you take more control, and by the week's end, you should be in full command.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Rely on your practical side while exploring investment possibilities. Caution is still your watchword in these matters. Your social life takes a gratifying turn by the week's end.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An already confusing situation appears to grow murkier during the first part of the week. But it all starts to clear by week's end. Plan to spend the weekend with someone special.

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All tickets must be exchanged for a tour map and brochure, which will include descriptive information about each location. The brochures will be available at the Hayes Realty office on Front Street on the day of the tour.

Mattapoisett Transfer Station

The winter hours for the Mattapoisett Transfer Station are Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; and Saturday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call the Mattapoisett Board of Health at 508-758-4112.

Rochester Barn Inspections

Rochester Animal Control has begun Barn Inspections and Head Counts of all farm animals (cows, horses, chickens, goats, ducks, etc.) in the Town of Rochester. Please call 508-763-5112, extension 182 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Postcard Book Locations

So you may do your holiday shopping early, the Mattapoisett Historical Society's *Picture Postcard Memories of Mattapoisett* is now available at the following locations:

- Mattapoisett: Town Hall, Mahoney's Hardware, Rogers Gallery, and the Historical Museum;
- Marion: The Bookstall;
- Fairhaven: Euro;
- New Bedford: Whaling Museum Gift Shop;
- Dartmouth: Baker Books.

The price of the book is $28 (softcover) and $50 (hardcover). When purchasing your book(s) at locations other than the museum, be prepared to pay sales tax. If you had previously ordered a book through the museum and have not as yet picked it up, please know that those books are being held for you. The museum is staffed Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, but please call ahead to be sure someone will be there to help you (508-758-2844).

The book, which contains a wealth of Mattapoisett history of the early 20th century, is the first major publication of the Historical Society since the publication of *Mattapoisett and Old Rochester* in 1903. A poster, which was designed to promote the book is also available for sale at the museum for $5.

Sippican Christmas Concert

As it has for nearly four decades, the Sippican Choral Society of Marion will usher in the Christmas season in Southeastern Massachusetts with its annual Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 6, at 4:00 pm in Wickenden Chapel on Spring Street in Marion. The day and time are a change from previous years. With this concert the Sippican Choral Society will introduce its new director, Brian Roderick.

This year, the chorus will perform Vivaldi's beautiful *Gloria* as its main selection, followed by special Christmas music, including "Angels Carol" by J. Rutter, "Before the Marvel of the Night" by C. Schalk, and "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day" by J. Gardner. Soloists will be alto Karen Antonsen-Devoe and sopranos Kara Lund and Esperanza Tanehill. The Society's pianist is Michelle Gordon and the organist will be Dwight Thomas, music director of the Unitarian Church in Fairhaven. A 15-piece orchestra will accompany the chorus. A string quartet will perform Hayden's B-flat opus 76 #4, "Sunrise."

As always, the audience will have the chance to sing along with the chorus on several familiar Christmas carols. On the following Monday, the chorus will sing selections from the concert at the Sippican Long Term Health Care Center in Marion.

Now in its 39th season, the 92-member Sippican Choral Society performs at least two concerts every year, singing the works of the world's great composers, as well as works from the musical theater.

Tickets to the Christmas Concert are $10 each, and are now available at The Bookstall in Marion, Margaret's Card Shop in Wareham, and Seaport Village in Mattapoisett. Chorus members have tickets for sale, or they can be purchased at the door. The Wickenden Chapel will open to the public at 3:30 pm and is handicapped-accessible.

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3. LITERATURE: What is the last name of the potions teacher at Harry Potter's wizarding school?
4. LANGUAGE: What kind of food is described by the Latin name "Oryza sativa"
5. LAW: Which Supreme Court justice said of pornography, "I know it when I see it"?
6. PHILOSOPHY: What school of philosophy was founded by Zeno?
7. MOVIES: Who directed the 1986 movie "Stand by Me"?
8. HISTORY: Hammurabi was a king of what country or land?
9 MUSIC: In what year did the Rolling Stones release their "Some Girls" album?
10. SOCIAL SCIENCE: Thaumatology is the study of what?

Answers
1. Lillian
2. "Hill Street Blues"
3. Snape
4. Rice
5. Potter Stewart
6. Stoicism
7. Rob Reiner
8. Babylonia
9. 1978
10. Miracles

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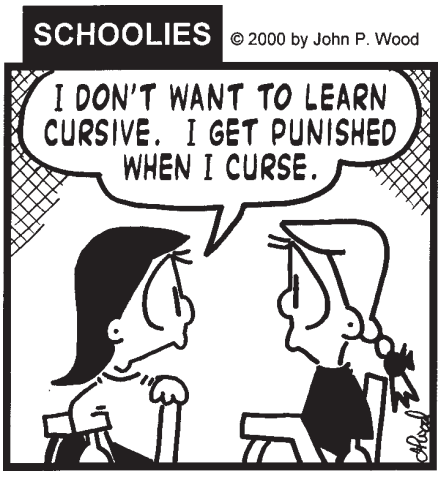
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TOWN OF MARION
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The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 15, 2003 at 8:45 PM in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the Special Permit Application by William and Anita Milka under Zoning by-law Section 5.1.12 to allow the construction of a building closer to the roadway than allowed under the Dimensional Requirements Table. Property located at the northeast corner of Point Road and Rte. 6. Identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 10, Lots 18, 20 and 32.
Peter Winters, Chairman 12/04

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETTBOARD OF SELECTMEN
A public hearing has been scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2003 at 7:00 PM Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA upon the application of Pibul Prasitsuk (Manager) for an All Alcoholic Beverage Restaurant License for CDKC, Inc., d/b/a Cathay Temple, 24 County Road, Mattapoisett.
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The Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers will host a Square and Round Dance "Rhody Rovers Presentation" on December 6 from 8:00 to 10:30 pm at the Acushnet Council on Aging (COA) Hall, Main Street in Acushnet. The level is mainstream-plus. For more information, please call 508-990-0392.

Very Victorian Holiday

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism has produced a schedule of December events including the program for the town's Very Victorian Holiday, scheduled for the weekend of December 12, 13 and 14. Copies of the program are now available at the Fairhaven Visitors Center, 43 Center Street, the Millicent Library, the Town Hall, and at other locations in Fairhaven. In New Bedford, the programs are at the Whaling National Historical Park Visitors Center on William Street and at the Waterfront Visitors Center on Pier Three.

The Very Victorian Holiday weekend will begin with the lighting of Benoit Square in North Fairhaven on Friday, December 12 at 6:00 pm, which will be followed immediately by the Oxford School Santa's Workshop in the school gym. On Saturday, December 13, a number of events will be held in the center of Fairhaven during the day. Activities include fairs and holiday shopping at the Unitarian Memorial Church, the First Congregational Church and the Town Hall. There will be children's activities at Rogers School and at the Millicent Library, where a non-stop reading of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* will also be held. Luncheons will be held at the Harrop Center of the Unitarian Memorial Church and the First Congregational Church. A Victorian tea will take place at Our Lady's Haven. Events on Sunday, December 14 include a breakfast at St. Joseph's School and holiday

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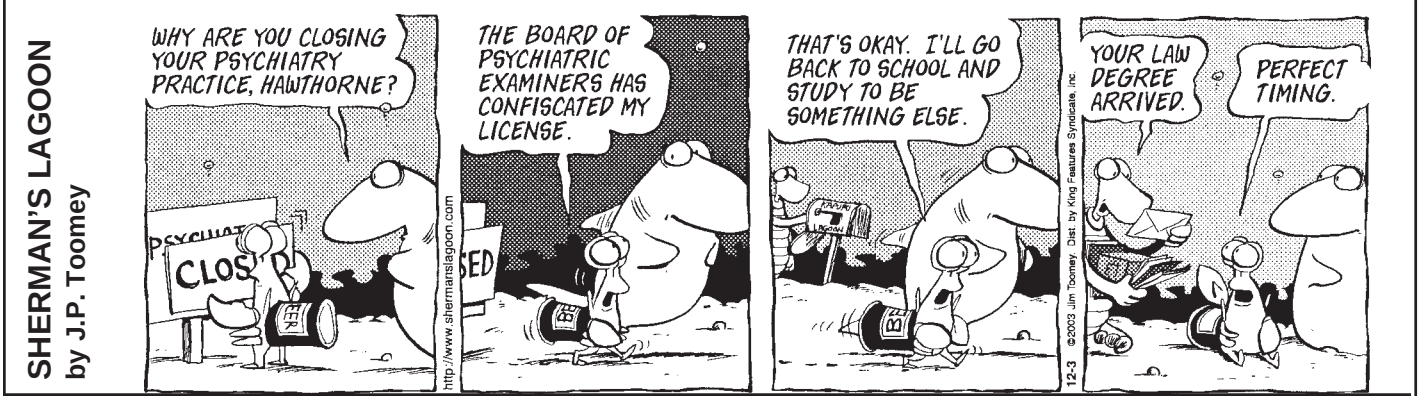
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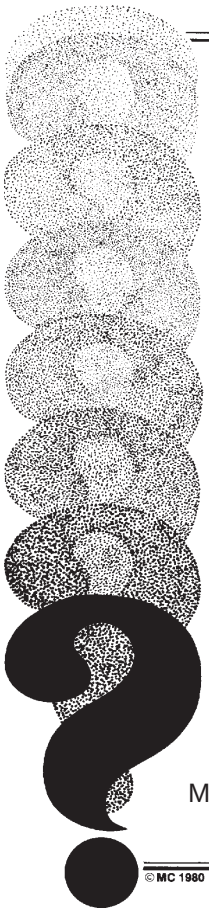
The Dinner for Two Dine-Out Books are now available at the Mattapoisett Senior Center. Buy one dinner and get another free! This is a great way to try out some of the area restaurants and save money at the same time. The books are still only $29.95 and make nice Christmas gifts for anyone on your shopping list.

Movie Hiatus

Movies at the Mattapoisett Senior Center have been discontinued for December because Christmas falls on Thursday this year. They will resume again in January.

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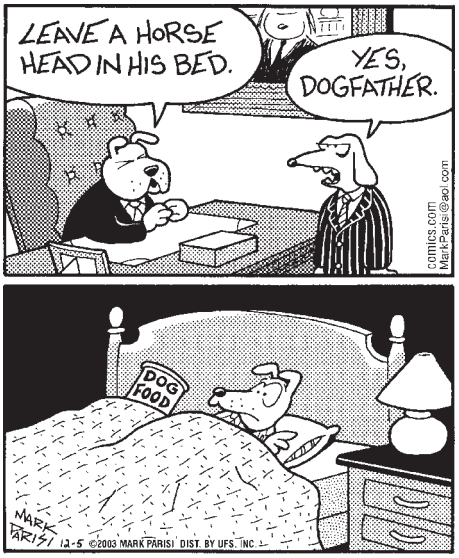
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Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children and may be purchased at the school now through December 8. All proceeds from the breakfast will benefit Saint Joseph's School. For tickets or more information, please call Cathy Melanson at 508-996-1983.

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December 4:	Thur.	4:39	5:05	11:03	10:25
December 5:	Fri.	5:26	5:48	11:33	10:58
December 6:	Sat.	607	6:27	. . .	12:04
December 7:	Sun.	6:44	7:05	12:01	12:38
December 8:	Mon.	7:19	7:41	12:12	1:16
December 9:	Tues.	7:53	8:18	12:52	1:55
December 10:	Wed.	8:28	8:57	1:33	2:33
December 11:	Thur.	9:05	9:39	2:12	3:11
December 12:	Fri.	9:45	10:24	2:52	3:47
December 13:	Sat.	10:30	11:11	3:32	4:25
December 14:	Sun.	11:19	11:59	4:16	5:07
December 15:	Mon.	. . .	12:10	5:07	5:57
December 16:	Tues.	12:52	1:05	6:11	6:58
December 17:	Wed.	1:46	2:03	7:30	8:01
December 18:	Thur.	2:44	3:05	8:49	8:57
December 19:	Fri.	3;44	4:08	9:53	9:49
December 20:	Sat.	4:44	5:08	10:50	10:39
December 21:	Sun.	5:41	6:04	11:45	11:30

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